

Forest Conservation Advisory Committee

Minutes

October 27, 2009

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ATTENDEES

Members

Paul Allen (WSSC), ex officio
Rick Brush
Jim Hubbard
Dan Landry
Brett Linkletter (DOT), ex officio
Caren Madsen
Norman Mease
Laura Miller (DEP), ex officio
Bill Pastor
Mark Pfefferle (M-NCPPC), ex officio
Dave Plummer (MSCD), ex officio
David Post
Clark Wagner

Absent members

Pamela Browning
Ginny Barnes
Andrew Der
Daniel Lyons
Jeff Schwartz
Linda Silversmith
Bryan Straathof

Others attending

Dale Tibbitts, Council Staff

MINUTES

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

The minutes from the June meeting were approved (as amended by Mark Pfefferle)

The minutes from the September meeting were approved with one minor change (date of November meeting)

WOODS IN YOUR BACKYARD

The scheduled update was not given due to absence.

COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

Caren Madsen was elected Acting Vice Chair by a motion and vote.

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIR

After discussion, it was decided that the committee would like to select the next Chair. Laura will contact the County Executive's office for guidance.

Caren Madsen expressed interest in the position. Jim Hubbard will send out an email to see if others are interested. Jim will be leaving the committee in December, so he is not eligible.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Clarification of the attendance policy was requested. Laura stated her understanding that after missing three meetings in a calendar year, a member would automatically be removed from the committee. She will confirm that and follow up with anything additional that she finds out.

David Post raised the question as to why there may be an attendance problem. Could it be due to the meeting schedule or the lack of an interesting agenda? Jim suggested that we think of ideas for future agenda items and discuss at our next meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2010 meetings are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month. Jim will email members with specific dates.

The final meeting for 2009 is scheduled for November 17, at 7:00 pm in the DEP conference room. Tod Ericson with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Services is invited to address the committee at this meeting. The Committee would like to know more about how the environment was protected and how these measures were linked to the Anacostia agreements jointly signed and updated over the years by DNR, MDE and Montgomery County. These agreements were much broader agreements put in place after the road was planned (some 20 years ago).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.